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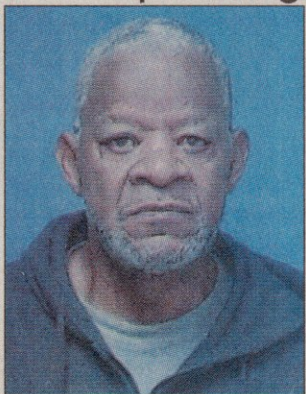
Elba Police seize multiple drugs from Reese Avenue residence

by Linda Hodge, Editor

An Elba man remains in a Covington County jail this week after he was found to be in possession of large amounts of illegal drugs, including ice (methamphetamine).

Lt. Russ Young with the Elba Police Department said Elba Police received information last week that a resident at 715 Reese Avenue, Elba, was going to be "picked up and taken to Covington County with drugs." He said officers completed a surveillance of the area to verify the information.

Young said a car came



Albert Green, age 66, of Elba, was found to be in possession of large amounts of illegal drugs last week.

to the residence and picked up the suspect, then trav-

eled to Covington County where officials there made a traffic stop. That traffic stop resulted in Covington County officials finding over 80 grams of ice and a gun in the suspect's possession.

Young said Albert Howard Green, age 66, of Elba, was arrested and placed in the Covington County Jail.

Following Green's arrest in Covington County, Elba Police secured a search warrant Thursday, Dec. 30, for his residence and vehicle in Elba. Lt. Young said the search of the property resulted in Elba officers finding more illegal

drugs, including ecstasy, cocaine, methamphetamine (ice), marijuana, and THC oil [which is considered a controlled substance in Alabama]. Also, he said a large amount of cash was seized.

Green's bond amount for the charges he faces in Covington County is set at over \$500,000, according to Young. He said Elba would place a hold on Green with Covington County, and he would be charged by Elba Police with four counts of possession of a controlled substance, and possession of marijuana for the drugs seized through the search warrant.

Elba man arrested following New Year's Eve accident

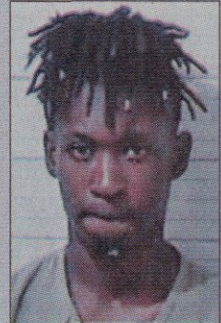
A single vehicle accident Friday evening, Dec. 31, in Elba resulted in one man being arrested after another was taken to the hospital with serious injuries.

Just after 6:01 p.m. last Friday night, a deputy with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office reported encountered a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on County Road 239 near Elba. Seconds later the vehicle wrecked, according to reports.

The driver of the vehicle, Jalen Hooks, age 21, of Elba was arrested by the Coffee County Sheriff's Office. He was charged with assault – first degree and attempting to elude with death or injury.

Officials said a passenger, Kordale Villella, also of Elba, in the vehicle Hooks was operating recklessly was seriously injured in the accident. He was transported to an area hospital for treatment of injuries sustained.

Hooks was released from the Coffee County Jail on bond Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022. He has a \$30,000 bond for the assault charge and a \$6,000 bond for the attempt to elude charge.

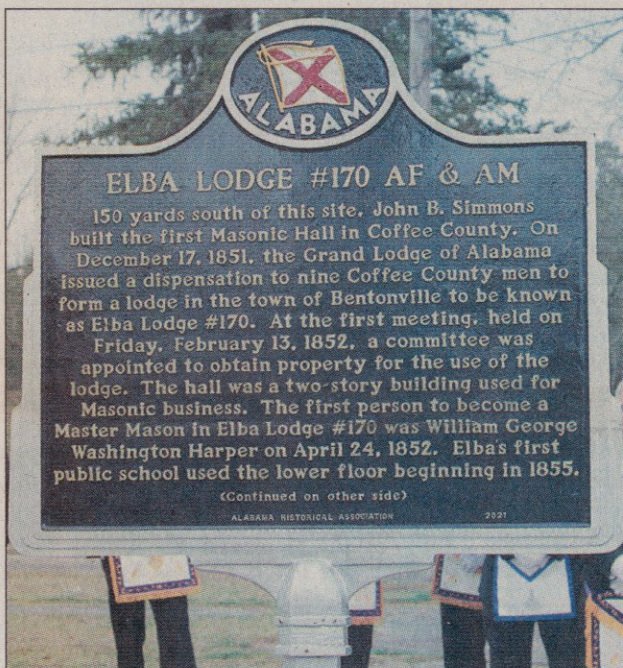


Jalen Hooks

A look back at the top headlines from 2021

January – Coffee County EMA director says over 3,000 COVID-19 patients in Alabama hospitals as of Jan. 5, 2021; Justin Flowers sworn-in as District Two councilperson for Town of New Brockton; Henry Robert Finedore IV killed Jan. 7th in motor vehicle accident on Hwy 189 south of Elba; Elba Mayor Tom Maddox announced Jan. 11th that rumors of Enterprise restaurant, Annie's, looking to expand to Elba were valid with the project still a 'work in progress'; Increase in COVID cases in Coffee County forced Zion Chapel School grades 7-12 to a one-week virtual instruction setting Jan. 12-20th; Elba Police arrest James Edward Lee on Sunday night, Jan. 24 charging him with the murder of Shaquetha Sharay Tyson; Andrew Keith Baker of Jack, Ala. killed Jan. 22 in a motor vehicle accident approximately 15-miles south of Troy on U.S. Hwy 231; Elba City Council approves ordinance paving way for fire department to charge mitigation rates for cost recovery

February – Elba City Council discusses using incentives to be more aggressive in attracting new businesses to Elba; Mayor Tom Maddox announces to Elba City Council that discussions had taken place with ALDOT representative regarding U.S. Hwy. 84 concerns on the four-lane project, including the need for median adjustments to benefit businesses along the route through Elba; Coffee County Commission votes to guarantee loan on project to construct redundant water line to new Ben E. Keith facility in New Brockton; Elba City Council votes to waive sewer/garbage fees for Enterprise Rescue Inc.; On Feb. 8th, ALDOT began work to convert the intersection of Claxton Avenue and the Troy Highway in downtown Elba to an "All Way Stop" condition; Elba Masonic Lodge gifts historical marker to the City of Elba, locating it at the corner of Davis Street and Claxton Avenue in Elba; Coffee County Sheriff's Office announces the arrest Feb. 18th of Charles Jones and Dezarae Wiggins in connection to the Jan. 12th arson at Car City located on Hwy. 231 in Brundidge, Ala.; Coffee County Habitat for Humanity dedicates a new home in Elba in memory of Paul Morrow – recipient of the home was Tawanna Thomas and her children;



In a special ceremony held on a cold Saturday afternoon in February, the Elba Masonic Lodge #170 unveiled a historical marker (shown above) being gifted to the city in downtown Elba. Masons from across the state were in attendance for this special event.

Former Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates died Feb. 18th from COVID-19 complications

March – Elba's Clint Bradshaw and dog, Briggs, win UFTA national champion award two years in a row; Elba Mayor Tom Maddox reported to Elba City Council members that business privilege license sales had increased greatly for the year; Elba Volunteer Fire Department responds March 4th to a brush fire that spread to a bulk trash storage area on the INZI Controls grounds; Elba Chamber holds ribbon cutting ceremony March 4th for Just Fashion in downtown Elba; Elba City Council votes to purchase seven Ford Crown Victoria vehicles from Enterprise to be used by Elba Police Department; Elba's Tia

Germany named winner of PowerSouth Energy Cooperative and Southeast Alabama Works! Resume Contest; COVID-19 vaccination drive-thru clinic held in Elba hosted by the city and Troy Regional Medical Center; Elba BOE approves hire of Colby Capps to be new technology coordinator for Elba City Schools; Elba City Clerk Sally Bane announced the Elba Public Library and Evergreen Cemetery Board had been designated as beneficiaries of the Estate of Catherine Brunson Luening – each would receive approximately \$400,000 from the estate

April – Local resident Chad Trott seriously injured March 24th in two-vehicle accident at intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84 and County Rd. 514 in New Brockton; Dennis James of Elba

carves a cross from a tree trunk in his yard, symbolizing his family's love for Christ; Mickey Lee Moody of Kinston killed in a motor vehicle accident approximately 10 miles west of Opp; Coffee County Probate Office [Elba] asks for voting support in Legacy of Hope decorating contest; New Brockton resident Allison Pouncey questions town council on how to go about getting more lighting along U.S. Hwy. 84 for New Brockton; Elba High golf team wins Charles Henderson Invitational event; Kevin Killingsworth announces his intent to retire as Coffee County School System's superintendent at end of August; Elba Elementary students create "Happy Birthday" cards for City of Elba to be displayed in downtown building windows; Megan Driggers named new principal for Kinston Schools; Elba High School football players help put out sod in yard of a recently completed Habitat for Humanity home in Elba; Coffee County deputies arrest Devonta Cottrell for burglary following home invasion with shooting incident in the 28000 block of Hwy. 167 in Jack; Elba teacher/coach Al Gilmore donates hair to Locks of Love; Southeast Alabama Community Band performs concert in downtown Elba; Johnny Senn appointed to Elba City Schools Board of

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Area Happenings

THE ELBA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY will meet Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 a.m. at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

THE COFFEE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. A limited number of people can be in the room so if those planning to attend are asked to call 334-894-5581X3.

A BEEKEEPING 101 CLASS will be held each Monday, beginning Monday, Jan. 24, at Enterprise State Community College [ESCC]. This is a 10-week course, open to the public, and ends March 28th. Cost to participate is \$15. ESCC is partnering with Southeast Alabama Beekeeping Association member Richard Woodham to bring this class to the community. Each Monday evening class will be from 6:30-8 p.m., and a variety of topics will be covered. Participants can register for the class at https://escf.formstack.com/forms/communityenrichment_application

Make plans to visit now!

Smithsonian traveling exhibit coming to Elba this February

The Alabama Humanities Alliance has partnered with the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (moMS) program to bring the Water/Ways traveling exhibition to five Alabama cities, and Elba is the final stop on the tour.

Traveling through five Alabama cities – Danville, Guntersville, Bessemer, Camden, and Elba – Water/Ways dives deep into the role that water plays in the everyday lives of Alabamians. That includes how water "connects us to nature, sustains life as we know it nurtures our cities and our culture, unites or divides people and communities, and affects how we live, work, worship, create, and play.

This informative Smithsonian exhibit opens in Elba at the Elba Theatre, located on the square in downtown Elba) on Monday, Feb. 7th. Daily opening hours have not been posted yet.

Also, Elba and the Alabama Humanities Alliance will host a SUPER Teacher Workshop – WATER WISE: Exploring the History, Diversity and Value of Alabama's Waterways in conjunction with the exhibit on Friday,

Feb. 18, at the Elba Public Library, also located in downtown Elba.

Participants of the workshop will explore how Alabama's waterways have shaped Alabama's history, learn to use Google Earth in the classroom, tour the traveling Smithsonian exhibit at the Elba Theatre, and walk to the WPA levee in Elba. Instructors will be Dr. Jim Brown, Ph.D., retired historian (Samford University), and Dr. Bill Deutsch, Ph.D., retired aquatic biologist (Auburn University).

Teacher benefits include a \$100 stipend, 5 CEU credits, lunch, tour of Water/Ways, and copy of Dr. Deutsch's book, Alabama Rivers.

Visit the website [<https://alabamahumanities.org/program/water-ways/>] to register for the teacher workshop.

For more information about the exhibit and/or the teacher workshop, contact Sandy Bynum-Williams at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Call (334) 897-3125 or email: elbachamber@troycable.net

"We are very excited to have this exhibit coming to Elba and hope everyone plans to stop by and see it," said Bynum-Williams.



ACCOUNTING OFFICE CELEBRATES NEW LOCATION...The Elba Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Tuesday morning, Jan. 4, for Wood Accounting LLC as the office celebrated opening in its new downtown Elba location. The accounting office, owned and operated by Melissa Wood, is now located at 415 W Davis Street, Elba [next to Williams Auto Parts]. Several well-wishers joined Wood, Elba Chamber officials, and Elba queens for the ribbon cutting ceremony on the chilly January morning (shown above). This ribbon cutting ceremony was one of two planned in Elba for the first week of January, 2022.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Iron rusts from disuse, stagnant water loses its purity, and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigors of the mind." ~ Leonardo da Vinci

We read the opinions of a couple of 'experts' last week discussing the possible new garbage that would explode on social media in 2022. It is hard to think things could get any wilder than they are today. Of course there was the Great Moon Hoax of 1835 claiming there had been life found on the moon. Later in the 1990s Bill and Hillary Clinton were fair game for the wild tales, Hillary adopting an alien baby, having an affair with an alien, aliens endorsing Bill for President, etc. Most of that was confined to the tabloids, found mostly at or near the grocery store checkout counters. In 2021 they exploded on social media to the point that many of us don't know for sure what to believe anymore 'from anything we hear nor half of what we see.'

Looking ahead to 2022, it's important to address this cynicism created from the overflow of 'fake news'. How is this going to be done? This time our limited brain just says, "fix it!" Probably it would go a long way if each of us would step back and ponder if the news sites we are reading or listening to have been largely correct or almost always far out or at best unprovable! Then we could just start ignoring such fake news sites. Hey - that doesn't include The Elba Clipper!

Monday was "Chocolate Covered Cherries" Day in the U.S. Reading that tidbit brought back a flood of good (and maybe comical) memories from our childhood. We were probably obsessed with the idea of always having enough money to purchase a 'nice' present for mother... Christmas, Birthday, Mother's Day, etc. It is easy to recall an eight - ten year old me buying several sets of flowered drinking glasses from the dime store (that probably broke within a few months). On at least one of those annual special days of gift buying (not sure which one(s) it was), meant mother was going to get a box of delicious chocolate covered cherries. They were presented with pride and my chest would almost explode from the neck hug that followed. Of course she impressed this boy child with her willingness to share such a treasure. It was years and years later after we were grown that she confessed she didn't like chocolate covered cherries but didn't want to shatter my obvious satisfaction of picking out such a wonderful gift. Ah ha... that was why she was so gracious with the sharing of her candy!!! Now we tend to avoid more than one occasionally because they are so sweet.

Senator Jimmy Holley came in for some high praise recently when Troy's Steve Flowers, who writes a weekly newspaper editorial column in a number of Alabama newspapers, plus has a regular radio show and a public television show, recapped Holley's storied political career and praised him at every step. He concluded that Jimmy's district and all of Alabama would miss his long time, dedicated service to the citizens. This is not the first time we have heard such praises of dedication for this Coffee County native and lifetime resident. Of course please don't tell him we even hinted at something nice about him, because he might think his long-time friend has finally become a loyal supporter!

Language experts consider English as one of the hardest (if not THE hardest) language for others to learn. A prime example of that is the word 'run'. Reader's Digest quotes the upcoming edition of Oxford English Dictionary as having 645 definitions for the three-letter word 'run'! We can just pause for a moment and think of the different ways we use the word and accept that the dictionary folks might be correct in their number of definitions of 'run'.

Be safe, wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or booster!

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The Elba Parks and Recreation's youth basketball season is now underway! Support these young guys and gals with your attendance at their games! Contact the Elba Parks and Rec for schedules or more information!



Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder
Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou got the last laugh off a joke Sister thought she was pulling on Lou Lou the other night...

While the two were on a recent shopping excursion, Lou Lou purchased a new pair of pajamas. She was really excited to try them out because the weather had gone from tropical paradise to arctic blast quicker than a sports car goes from 0 to 60, and these were sure to be cozy.

Unfortunately, Lou Lou put the new jammies on and immediately began itching. There was a thread in the material that Lou Lou was allergic to, and her body quickly said, "No ma'am! Get that mess away from me!"

Lou Lou changed into another pair of pajamas and the irritation immediately went away - further proving the theory of there being something in the material causing a problem.

As her skin settled back down and the red marks from the irritation quickly went away, Lou Lou offered to give the new pajamas to Sister. She decided someone should reap the benefits of the new clothes.

A short while later, Sister came into the room where Lou Lou was cuddling with

a blanket on the couch watching a little television. She was laughing at Lou Lou and proceeded to tell her she was a goober!

In disbelief of this, Lou Lou asked, "Why are you calling me a goober?!"

Between giggles, Sister said, "Because you left the tag inside the pants of the new pajamas, you goober!"

And, here is where the joke flipped on Sister!

By this time, she had changed into her own new pajamas, which she purchased at the same time Lou Lou purchased hers. Difference was...Sister had already worn her new pajamas the night prior too.

She reached back to the spot where she found the tag in Lou Lou's pajama pants still in place, and uh oh! Yep...there she found a tag still attached to her pj's too!!

It is at that point where Lou Lou said to Sister, "Looks like we both are goobers this time! It must run in the family!"

So, there you have it... If you are going to tell someone they are a goober, be sure first you too are not one!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Elba Police Report

Elba Police between Tuesday, December 28, 2021, and Monday, January 3, 2022, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Dec. 28 - Suspicious person reported at 611 Claxton Ave N (3:57 p.m.); Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle reported at 4035 Hwy 125 (8:58 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in one citation and one written warning.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - Animal complaint reported at 661 Davis St E (9:53 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 651 Reynolds Ave (10:48 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1272 Ann St (12:30 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 223 Court Ave (7:18 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 834 Washington Ave (7:31 p.m.); Burglary reported at 883 Cedar Lane Dr (9:57 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (10:07 p.m.). There were two traffic stops on this date resulting in verbal warnings.

Thursday, Dec. 30 - Suspicious person reported at Martin Luther King Dr and Adkinson Ave (1:35 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 221 Davis St E (5:11 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at Martin Luther King Dr and Lee St (5:26 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 429 Plant Ave - w/ animal impound (7:24 a.m.); Harassment reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (8:38 a.m.); Harassment reported at 702 Newton St (10:46 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Taylor Mill Rd (10:46 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1649 Boswell St (11:27 a.m.); Civil complaint reported at 5834 County Rd 364 (11:48 a.m.); Harassment reported at 967 Elm Ave (2:09 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1303 Reese Ave (7:13 p.m.); Drug activity reported at 715 Reese Ave (8:00 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (8:06

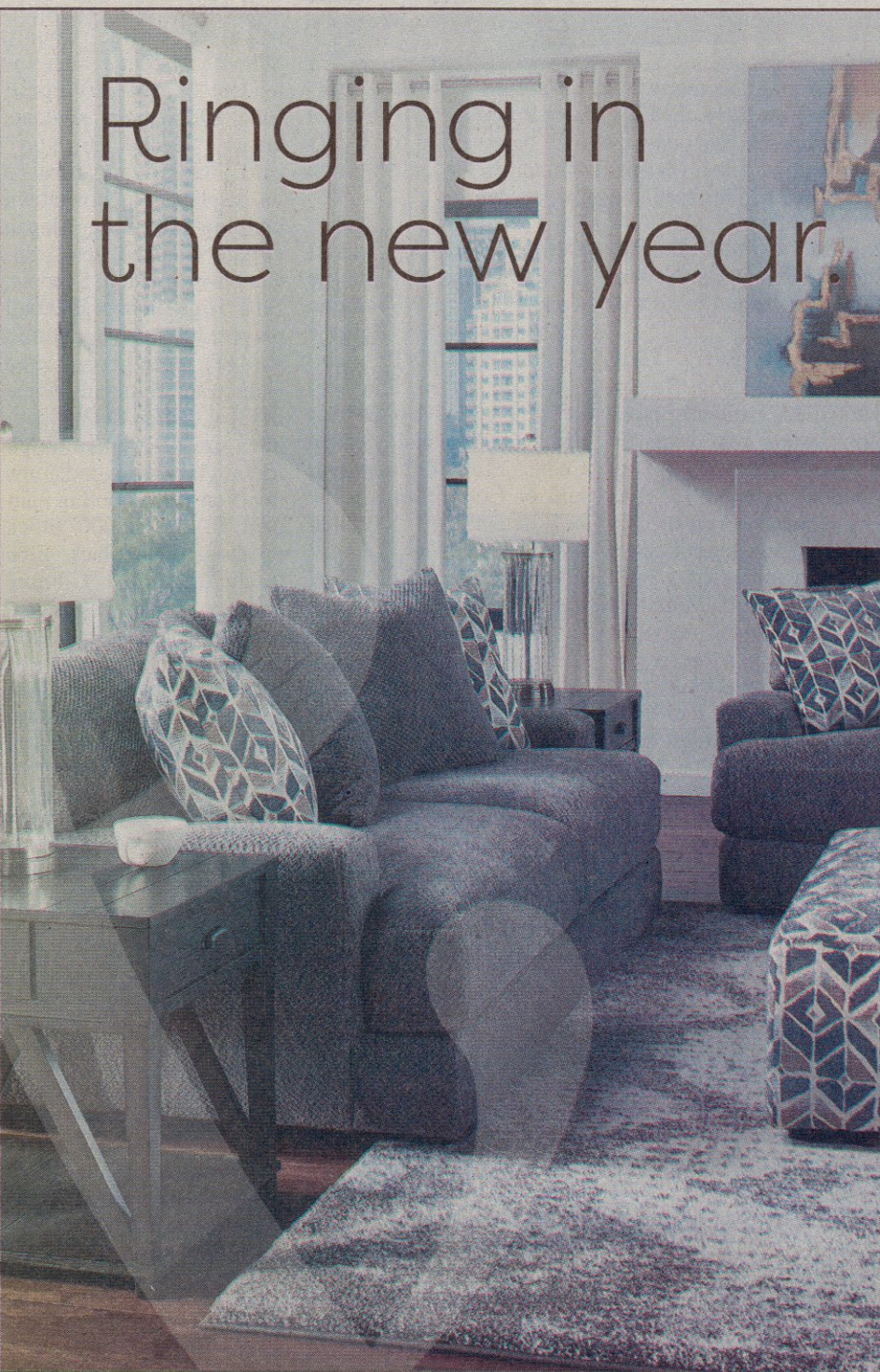
p.m.); Burglary reported at 2272 Taylor Mill Rd (8:23 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1269 Highland Dr (9:49 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Drayton Ave and Highland Dr (10:30 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 200 Buford St (10:36 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in verbal warnings.

Friday, Dec. 31 - Suspicious circumstances reported to Elba Police (4:46 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 84 (5:02 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1018 Martin Luther King Dr (5:28 a.m.); ATV complaint reported on Martin Luther King Dr (12:07 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Reynolds Ave (12:54 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1404 Reese Ave (1:33 p.m.); Harassment reported to Elba Police (4:59 p.m.); Vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed reported at 2569 County Rd 239 - resulting in a traffic accident and an arrest (6:01 p.m.); ATV complaint reported on Reynolds Ave (6:42 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 125 and Hwy 84 (6:46 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 976 Morrow Ave (7:05 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (9:43 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Martin Luther King Dr (11:32 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (11:39 p.m.). There were six traffic stops on this date resulting in two citations, one arrest, and three verbal warnings.

Saturday, Jan. 1 - Report of shots fired on Farris Ave (12:05 a.m.); Report of shots fired on Claxton Ave N (12:39 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 979 County Rd 239 (9:14 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 429 Plant Ave (10:01 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (10:36 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 897 Cedar Lane Dr (12:52 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 870 Cedar Lane Dr (3:18 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1559 Gibson St (3:47 p.m.); Burglary reported at 21161 Hwy 189 (4:06 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 191 Lake Lee Dr (7:01 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 997 Hwy 203 (7:39 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 1013 Hickman Ave (7:50 p.m.); Woods/Grass fire reported at Hwy 84 E and Stroud Ave (9:41 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1150 Claxton Ave N (10:28 p.m.). There was one traffic stop on this date resulting in a verbal warning.

Sunday, Jan. 2 - Disturbance reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (9:13 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 885 Cedar Lane Dr (11:30 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 861 Cedar Lane Dr (4:54 p.m.); Traffic accident reported on Reese Ave (6:36 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 221 Davis St E (7:11 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 223 County Rd 501 (7:26 p.m.).

Monday, Jan. 3 - Animal complaint reported on Taylor Mill Rd (9:01 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1991 Taylor Mill Rd - w/ animal impound (11:33 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (1:23 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Davis St E (3:35 p.m.); Harassment reported at 879 Cedar Lane Dr (4:20 p.m.); Intoxicated driver reported at 19734 Hwy 87 (6:33 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Hwy 84 and Claxton Ave (7:44 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Martin Luther King Dr and Hwy 84 (7:47 p.m.); Suspicious person reported N of intersection on Hwy 87 (8:35 p.m.). There were three traffic stops on this date resulting in two verbal warnings, and one written warning.



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Education to fill the District Three spot

May – Choral Department at Elba High School brought Disney's Aladdin Jr. to life with performances May 3rd and 4th at the school's auditorium; Governor Kay Ivey announces the COVID-19 public health order would end May 31st and the state of emergency for Alabama would end July 6th; Elba Chamber hosts "Don't Drop It on Elba" community clean-up day; Elba High School golf team wins AHSAA Class 1A/2A golf championship; Coffee County BOE hires Brendan Dow to be assistant principal at Kinston; Kassidy Brooke Smith killed in two-vehicle wreck May 7th approximately nine miles south of Elba near County Rd 437 intersection; Coffee County Commission votes to expend \$4.5 million to build new cell at county landfill; Juan Careaga, of Jack, Ala., arrested May 13th by Elba Police on fugitive from justice charge; Two women from Opp – Virginia Holley Gippis and Khadijah Renea Lane – were both killed in a motor vehicle wreck May 13th on U.S. Hwy 84 about six miles east of Opp when their vehicles collided; Elba's Joseph Cline selected to swim at 2022 Special Olympics National Games to be held in Orlando, Fla.; Coffee County Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns reports countywide increase in tax collections for the year; Elba's state champion golf team honored at Coffee County Commission meeting

June – Elba Splash Pad opens for the season; Wiregrass Elite 10U travel ball team wins TBUSA World Series tournament held in Panama City Beach, Fla. – four members of the team also compete with Kinston Rec baseball, including Evan Hilburn, Jon Simmons, Rylen Hawthorne, and Easton Parker; Elba Elementary School principal Debra Strickland placed on administrative leave following her arrest in Geneva County June 5th where she left the scene of an accident with injury; Ozell McNabb arrested June 6th in Elba and charged with the attempted murder of Michael Juan Patrick; Elba Volunteer Fire Department assists with fire June 7th that destroyed Doc's Country Store in Opp; Elba Farmers Market opens for June and July; Elba Police arrest Isaiah Nubern and Sheaneal Lee, both from Illinois, charging them with drug trafficking, along with possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia; Elba Elementary School principal Debra Strickland resigns from her position with Elba City Schools; Johnny Senn affirmed as newest school board member for Elba; Simmons Street culvert repair project approved by FEMA for funding; Coffee County Board of Education names four finalists for superintendent's job – Dr. Adam Clemons, Jeff Jones, Thomas "Gray" Harrison, and Kelly Cobb; Elba Police arrest Lucy Smith of Montgomery and Aaron Vinson of Opelika charging them with multiple drug offenses; Zion Chapel Bass



Elba High School senior Nevaeh Sanders was crowned the 2021 Homecoming Queen in September during. Principal Wynn Grimes crowned Sanders.



The Elba community was saddened in July when the Elba Chamber of Commerce building, housed in a 100-year-plus historic home, was destroyed by fire. The Chamber office remains in a temporary location at the beginning of 2022 as Chamber and City of Elba officials continue to debate the "where" for the office's next permanent location.

Team members compete in state championships

July – State Senator Jimmy Holley, of Elba, announces he will not seek re-election after 40 years in Alabama politics; Elba honors legacy of Catherine Brunson Luening with reception at Elba Public Library – Luening's estate bestowed over \$400,000 each to the Elba Public Library and Elba Cemetery Board; Coffee County BOE votes to offer superintendent job to Kelly Cobb; Coffee County EMA director says county is falling behind in getting residents vaccinated against COVID-19; Elba Chamber holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Ella Kaye's Bed and Breakfast; Kenya Martin named new Elba Elementary School principal; Elba hosts annual Let Freedom Ring event celebrated Independence Day; Elba Chamber of Commerce building destroyed by fire on the night of July 12th; Coffee County BOE approves contract with Kelly Cobb officially naming her the school system's new superintendent; Small plane crashes near Carl Folsom Airport in Elba – the two people inside the plane were found to be relatively uninjured; Elba City Council voted July 12th to extend ongoing sewer project contract by 210 days; Jakori Warren of Elba arrested for stealing ATV from Elba Fire Department and wrecking that vehicle after a short pursuit from police; Coffee County Commission approves request to assist New Brockton with parking lot project; Elba Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for O'Reilly's Auto Parts; Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey discusses rash of fires that occurred from July 12-17 in Elba – he said some had been determined to be arson cases; Elba Water and Electric board votes to keep school-related logo on tower located on Elba City Schools campus in repainting project

August – Elba City Schools superintendent Chris Moseley announces that facial coverings not required [but recommended] for start of school

year; Crystal Hawthorne hired as assistant principal for Kinston after Brendan Dow resigned to take another job; Josh Carnley, currently a Coffee County Commissioner, announces his campaign to seek Alabama State Senate seat for District 31; Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey pleads with city council to find a solution to the problem of losing officers to other departments due to lack of competing salary pay saying the people of Elba deserve quality officers and service just like anywhere else; Elba Chamber hosts ribbon cutting ceremony for Annie's Comfort Kitchen; Local pastor, Kit Johnson, speaks to Coffee County Commission about REPRESENT event for teens; Unusual circumstances lead to tragic accident Aug. 14th in Elba when a resident got caught in some guide wires that had been pulled down by a truck [after a powerline fell on a tree] – the resident was injured after being pulled in to the roadway and she later died at an area hospital; Several members of Elba High football team spend their Saturday morning, Aug. 14, picking up trash in downtown Elba; Due to rising COVID concerns again, Elba City Schools and Coffee County Schools implement face mask mandates through Sept. 17th; Coffee County Commission approves incentive for employees vaccinated against COVID-19

September – Elba Theatre selected as Lowe's 100 Hometowns project for stage repairs; Ring ceremony held at Elba High School for 2021 Class 1A/2A state golf championship team; Coffee County Habitat for Humanity dedicates a second home built in 2021 in Elba – the recipient of this home was LaShanda Flowers and her children; Elba's 2011 state championship football team honored

in celebration of 10-Year anniversary of the championship; Group of former New Brockton student/football players request that Coffee County Board of Education consider named football field at New Brockton after Coach Leavy Boutwell; Coffee County Commission approves new budget with added compensation for employees; Elba Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for The Southern Bean; Elba City Council approves settlement agreement with Police Chief Leslie Hussey if he resigned his position as Chief of Police in Elba; Nevaeh Sanders crowned Homecoming Queen for Elba High School; Elba City Schools and Coffee County Schools extend mask mandates indefinitely as COVID-19 safety precautions; During a workshop, Elba City Council members discuss possible funding for a School Resource Office at Elba City Schools through the Coffee County Sheriff's Office; Elba Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for Westside Childcare Ministry; Elba City Council appoints Shayne Arnett as interim police chief; Elba City Council votes to appoint Miranda Russell to board of education seat vacated by Gladys Yelverton; Elba Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for Blessed Nutrition

October – Coffee County EMA director says COVID numbers looking better at end of September; Three Elba students – Whit Shehee, Callie Pope, and Brayden Johnson recognized by their teachers for leadership and service skills [Shehee named EHS Good Citizen; Pope named DAR Good Citizen for Elba; and Johnson named HOBY award recipient for Elba]; Jack Day Festival brings large crowd to Zion Chapel Community; Elba school employee, Martha

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You may also wish to request a smaller keepsake urn to have in your home. These miniature-version urns typically hold about three cubic inches of cremated remains, and as such they can make for more subtle, discreet additions to your home décor. Meanwhile, a larger urn can be interred at a cemetery in a cremation memorial, providing a hallowed place for your loved one's remains.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at: hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: www.elba-clipper.com

BRITTNEY KAYE MCGOUGH

Ms. Brittney Kaye McGough, age 54, of Daleville, Ala., died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, at Medical Center Enterprise. No local services will be held. Ms. McGough will be buried in Van Alstyne, Texas with arrangements being handled by Scroggins Funeral Home in Van Alstyne. Hayes Funeral Home, Elba, Ala., assisted the family locally.

Survivors include her friend: Mike York, Daleville; sons: Clinton Tyler McGough, Kyle Lee McGough, and Nash Heddin; along with her mother: Linda Carol Dedmon; grandson: Mason McGough; sisters: Shelley Heatley, and Mindy Merlino, and a brother: Paul Dedmon.

try in the United States Navy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Patricia Ruth O'Leary Hargrove, and Oscar Alexander Hargrove.

Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Vivian Hargrove, Elba; son: Hunter Hargrove, Elba; daughters: Beverly (Paul) Free, Ponchatoula, La., and Shannon (Terry Glyn) Kersey, Troy, Ala.; grandsons: Jared Paul Free, Terry Glyn Kersey II, and Max Len Kersey, Troy; granddaughters: Ashlee Brooke Kersey, Troy, Sadie Mae Hargrove, and Katie Lynn Hargrove, both of Geneva, Ala..

LENARD HARGROVE

Mr. Lenard Hargrove, age 88, of Elba, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 3, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Lenard served his coun-

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church

Year with Two Christmases

A number of years ago, I had the privilege to travel with Birmingham-Southern College during our January term with Bishop Robert Morgan of the United Methodist Church. Every year he would take students to the British Isles for a Methodist Heritage tour, the Holy Land, or across the Mediterranean following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul.

This year, we would travel to modern day Turkey, Greece, and Italy to learn more about Paul's missionary endeavors. We got to walk the streets of Ephesus, see the arches of Troas, and sail into the port of Athens. When we arrived in Greece in early January, we started visiting historic churches of the faith to find that each was in a feverous preparation for Christmas. Wait! What? It was January! Christmas was last month in December. What in the world was happening!?

An orthodox priest explained to us that the Western church, i.e. Roman Catholics, Protestants, and etc. are on a different calendar (the Gregorian Calendar) than the Eastern church (the Julian Calendar). This means that we celebrate Christmas on different days! The Western church of course on December 25th, and the Eastern church on what we would call January 7th. All of a sudden, we realized that we would get to celebrate Christmas all over again with our Eastern brothers and sisters.

It was fascinating to see the differences in celebrating the birth of Christ. Yet, above all, it was so freeing; since we had already had Christmas, and there were no presents to wrap, no long drives to relatives' houses, no meals to prepare. In that moment, we could just simply celebrate Christmas. We got to meditate what it meant for us that in the Incarnation (God becoming human in Jesus) God moved toward humanity to save humanity.

I have to admit, even as a Pastor, Christmas is a stressful time with the long list of everything that has to get done. Sometimes I wish I could have another year with two Christmases. Then, I remind myself that Christmas is not only one day.

December 25th begins our Christmas season, but as the carol teaches us there are twelve days of Christmas. This year celebrate all the days of Christmas once all the presents are unwrapped, all the house guests have returned home, and the fridge is filled with leftovers. Take time and focus on one simple truth: God became human to save you.

God loves you. Merry Christmas!

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Harris Temple COGIC to host leadership conference January 14-15 in Elba, Ala.

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ will host a 2022 Leadership Conference on Friday, Jan. 14, and Saturday, Jan. 15.

The guest speaker for Friday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m., will be Pastor Anthony Wheeler of Huntsville, Alabama! Saturday's session will be from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lunch provided.

New Hope Senior Center taking apps for new participants

New Hope Senior Citizens Center is looking for a "Few Good Men and Women" to become a part of the senior center family! The center is taking applications for new participants.

For more information, contact center director Conzuella Banks at (334) 735-5433.

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Girl Scouts annual cookie sales begin

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama began their annual Cookie Season on January 2, 2022.

Stock up on all those favorite Girl Scout cookies and power unique and amazing experiences for girls with every purchase. This year's cookie lineup includes two new cookies, the Adventurefuls and Toast-Yays!

Adventurefuls are a brownie-inspired cookie with a caramel filling and a sea salt drizzle on top. Toast-Yays are French toast-inspired cookies with cinnamon icing. Talk about delicious!

The Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Shortbread, Lemonades, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Sandwich, and the gluten-free Caramel Chocolate Chip cookies will also be available for purchase this year.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the nation's largest girl-led business and leading financial literacy program for girls. Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls learn five essential skills

ed! This conference is open to anyone that desires to attend!

NOTICE:

Anyone age 60 or over needing a meal, or for questions about the Elba Senior Center or SARCOA, call the center at (334) 897-3019.

for leadership: goal setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

On January 14, 2022, Girl Scouts will begin selling their cookies in booth sales as well as online and door-to-door sales. Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama will also be hosting cookie drive-thrus on January 14, 2022, at their offices on this day.

The 2022 Girl Scout Cookie Program will end on March 6, so make sure to stock up! The more cookies girls sell, the more earnings they have to power impactful community projects and personal enrichment experiences, such as STEM activities and traveling.

Every purchase of Girl Scout Cookies is an investment in girls both now and in the future and their leadership capabilities, with 100 percent of the net revenue staying local. To learn more about the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and to find out when Girl Scouts will be selling near you, visit girlsoutssa.org.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly. Psalm 1: 1-6

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Estella B. Williams, Joe Rudolph, Wendy Wood, Vincent Smith, Rose Williams, Robert Reynolds, Vernetter Purvis, Josie B. Magwood Caldwell, Tommy Brooks, Anthony C. Kelley, Michael Manning, Myron Duncan, All Hospital Patients, Emily Newson, Chase Graham, Rosemary Edwards

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Trenton Hamilton 2/11
Wiley Brooks 2/12
Jackie Brunson
Crittenden 2/13
Dana E Ware 2/13
Regina Kelley Kyles 2/13
Sharon Williams 2/14
Tina Hill 2/14

Inoculated Against Facts?

In the 1960s, psychologist Peter Wason demonstrated that people tend to seek information that confirms their existing beliefs. In the process, information that would disprove the belief is ignored. Wason called this phenomenon "confirmation bias." Such bias is seen in many issues to today. One example is the debate on advances or supposed advances in vaccinations. Persistent questions linger regarding their safety and efficiency. For some folks on the side of the fence who reject vaccination, no amount of scientific study will ever be enough to convince them otherwise. For some folks on the other side of the fence, the barest hint of a breakthrough vaccine causes them to be the first to rush to get it for themselves or a family

member. Those on either extreme of various issues often end up being inoculated against the facts (or lack thereof).

Israelites opposing Joshua and Caleb exhibited confirmation bias. The evidence of God's faithfulness should have led to fear being squashed. Instead, a bias toward fear led to the opposite. The choice they made is ours to make as well. Will faith (which is belief based on evidence; John 14:11) overcome a bias toward fear, or will you let the opposite happen? — J.E.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 1/6/21

Q: Which prophet did Peter quote on the day of Pentecost to explain the outpouring of God's Spirit? (Isaiah) (Joel) (Jonah)

A: Joel [Acts 2:16-17]
Q: At first Mary mistook the risen Jesus for whom? (gardener) (guard) (angel)

A: gardener [John 20:15]

Thought to Remember

When praises go up, blessings come down
You woke me up this morning
Started me on my way
Put food on my table
Brought joy to my day

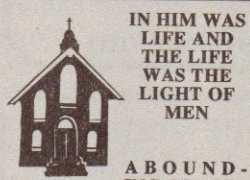
Questions for the Week of 1/13/21

True or False
Q: Paul says we are to live by faith not by sight.
Q: Jesus said that not even the queen of Sheba could match a flowers' glory.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service... 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Phillip Box, Minister

Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL

Garry Winstead, Pastor

Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Matthew Morris, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:15 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Jonathan Jenkins, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor

Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Greg Hanchey, Minister

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Charles Jones, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

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Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.

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CASE NO: PC2021-100

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a.m. If no objection is filed
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This the 8th day of
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/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
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36467.

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Owner
12/23,30-1/6,13-chg

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Elba Division

IN RE: The estate of
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Deceased.

CASE NO. PC 2021-079

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Probate.

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the said estate are her-
by required to present
the same within the time
allowed by law or the same
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/s/ Gary D. Bradshaw
GARY D. BRADSHAW
Attorney for Petitioner
12/23,30&1/6-pd.

PRE-QUALIFICATION
OF BIDDERS AND
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FOR BIDS

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PROJECT NO.: 21-321
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(AIA Document A305 and
Questionnaire). All gen-
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with Coffee County School
System are not required
to prequalify - notify the
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Pre-qualification
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until **Thursday, January**
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tors shall be available from
the Architect. The Owner
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additional Contractors after
the date above.

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tion procedures and criteria
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will be eligible to bid the
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ful completion of similar
projects on time for satis-
fied Owners.

The sealed proposal shall
be received by Mrs. Kelly
Cobb, Superintendent, at
the Coffee County School
System, 400 Reddoch
Hill Road, Elba, Alabama
until **2:00 P.M., Tuesday,**
February 8, 2022, then
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ing taxes. Bids must be
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Architect or copies thereof.
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od of sixty (60) days. The
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percent (5%) of the amount
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proposal. Performance and
statutory labor and mate-
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required at the signing of
the Contract.

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and must show evidence
of license before bid-
ding or bid will not be
received or considered by
the Architect. All bidders
shall show such evidence
by clearly displaying cur-
rent license number on the
outside of the sealed enve-
lope in which the proposal
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ding for this particular project.
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ownership and copyrights
of the documents. If bid-
ders require printed sets,
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name & number along
with a deposit of \$150.00
per set. The deposit shall
be refunded for each set
returned in reusable condi-
tion within ten days after
bid opening.

All RFIs and RFAs regard-
ing the bid documents
shall be sent and addressed
through emails found on
the RFI and RFA forms
in the project manual.

NOTE: ONLY THE RFI
AND RFA FORMS IN
THE PROJECT MANUAL
WILL BE ACCEPTED.
The Architect will
not accept inquiries
via telephone or fax.
Completion Time: See
scope of work in Project
Manual.

Supervision: Contractor to
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of all work at each site.
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Superintendent, Coffee
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Phone: (334) 897-5016

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF A PORTION COFFEE COUNTY ROAD 173 (Previously Coffee County Road 100)

The Coffee County Commission has received a writ-
ten petition from the abutting landowners of a portion
of Coffee County Road 173 requesting the vacation of
said road. Pursuit to Section 23-4-20, Code of Alabama
1975, the Coffee County Commission shall hold a public
hearing on January 10, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee
County Complex Community Room, New Brockton,
Alabama concerning the proposed road vacation dur-
ing the regularly scheduled Commission Meeting. The
Commission is scheduled to address the proposed road
vacation following the conclusion of the public hearing.
The proposed public road to be vacated is described as
follows:

The portion to be vacated will begin at the intersection
of said County Road 173 and the east line of the NW ¼
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tinue west along said County Road 173 approximately
4,455 feet to the intersection of said County Road 173
and the north line of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section
2, T-7-N, R-21-E, Coffee County, Alabama.

Any citizen alleging to be affected by the proposed va-
cation may file written objection or request to be heard
at the public hearing. Written objections may be mailed,
or hand delivered to The Coffee County Commission,
#2 County Complex, New Brockton, AL 36351. Please
contact the Coffee County Commission at (334) 894-
5556 if you desire to be heard at the public hearing.
12/16,23,30&1/6-chg.

LIFESTYLES



New Hope Sr. Center holds 'drive through' Christmas Party

On Thursday, Dec. 23, the New Hope Senior Citizens Center held a 'drive through' Christmas Party for its seniors! The seniors were greeted by Santa and his elves as each received special treats and Christmas gifts.

Senior director Conzuella Banks said everyone was so excited and the joy of giving was in the air! She offered special thanks to all that donated to this special event for the senior citizens.

Those at the center wish all a Happy New Year!



Hours of Operation for the Elba Public Library
Monday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. Tuesday 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. – 12 noon
Thursday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Information being sought on World War II soldiers

The Stories Behind the Stars initiative was created to organize one central digital location to collect the stories of all Americans who were killed during World War II.

These personal stories

will be digitally linked to war memorials and cemeteries by a smartphone app so visitors can read the stories of the fallen. Work is currently being done on all of the Alabama WWII soldiers.

Persons with any infor-

mation or photo [willing to share] on any soldier who died or was killed in World War II from Coffee or Geneva County Alabama, is asked to contact: Donna Snell, Ozark, AL [dpsnell@troycable.net or 334-774-6777].

Annual membership meeting planned for Landmark Park

The Annual Membership Meeting for Dothan's Landmark Park will be Sunday, Jan. 23, at 12 noon.

The meeting will start in the Stokes Activity Barn at noon for social hour and then a meal and a meeting at 1 p.m. New board members and officers will be elected, the Heritage Award and Volunteer Service Award will be presented. Park staff and board members will present highlights from 2021 and plans for 2022. Once the meeting is over, all are encouraged to spend your afternoon at the park!

Visit the Farmstead, boardwalk and other attractions to see what membership money supports. The long-awaited Alabama Agricultural Museum will

be open with a new exhibit to explore.

The price for the meal is \$15 per person. Invitations will be mailed to park members. Not a member? Join online at www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

Landmark Park is located at 430 Landmark Dr. in Dothan, just three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle. For more information, call 334-794-

Only at Landmark Park in Dothan...

The Seed Swap and Garden Expo will be Saturday, Jan. 29, from 1-4 p.m., presented by Landmark Park and the Wiregrass Master Gardener Association.

This expo will be held in the Stokes Activity Barn. Activities will include trading seeds with fellow gardeners, plus info and demos on beekeeping, backyard chickens, getting started with home gardens, rain barrels, food preservation, composting and more.

Bring seeds to trade in the Seed Swap. This event is free with paid gate admission.

County extension office to host Ag Outlook meeting

The Coffee County Extension office will host a 2022 Ag Outlook Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Enterprise Farmers Market in Enterprise, Ala.

This Ag Outlook meeting will discuss market outlooks and trends for row crops and livestock in 2022. The meeting is free to attend, and a sponsored lunch will be served for everyone who registers.

Register for the meeting by calling the Coffee County Extension office at 334-894-5596.

Alabama extension to host annual Wiregrass Cotton Expo

The Alabama Cooperative Extension System will host the 2022 Wiregrass Cotton Expo on Friday, Feb. 11, at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds in Dothan, Ala.

The expo will feature a vendor trade-show, and extension specialists speaking on a variety of topics including agronomic updates, the cotton market outlook for 2022, cotton chemical updates, and more.

Registration for the Wiregrass Cotton Expo begins at 7:30 a.m. with the expo beginning at 8:30 a.m. The expo is free to attend and includes a sponsored lunch for those who attend.

There will also be CCA and Pesticide points available for license holders.

For more information, contact the Wiregrass Research and Extension Center at 334-693-3800.

Lifestyles

News is due on Mondays

ADPH offers updated COVID-19 guidance for healthcare workers

Maintaining appropriate staffing in healthcare facilities is essential in providing a safe work environment for healthcare personnel and safe patient care.

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) follows the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CDC recently changed several of its specific recommendations for healthcare workers regarding COVID-19, and ADPH has issued a Health Alert Network message to healthcare providers in the setting of rising COVID-19 cases that includes strategies and recommendations.

The Omicron variant continues to spread, and vaccination is the best way to protect health and reduce the impact of COVID-19 on our communities.

The Health Alert Network message may be viewed at <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/bcd/han-messages.html>

Paused monoclonal antibodies for COVID-19 treatment available again

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has received an advisory from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that monoclonal antibodies to treat COVID-19 are again being shipped to states again.

On Dec. 23rd, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services had announced the temporary pause in allocations of some monoclonal antibodies.

Various therapeutics are available for preventing and treating COVID-19 in specific at-risk populations. Some therapeutics are in

short supply, but availability is expected to increase in the coming months.

The ADPH reminds the public, however, that vaccines remain the best preventive measure against severe disease, hospitalizations and death due to COVID-19 for eligible individuals. Most persons being hospitalized for COVID-19 infection and complications continue to be individuals who are not vaccinated or are only partially vaccinated.

For more information on COVID-19, go to www.alabamapublichealth.gov.

ALGOP Election 2022 qualifying open

Qualifying for the 2022 Alabama Republican Party Primary opened Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 8:30 a.m.

The qualifying period will end Friday, Jan. 28, at 5 p.m., per the primary resolution passed by the Alabama Republican Party State Executive Committee.

Anyone wishing to qualify for the Republican ballot can do so on-line at www.algop.org or in person at ALGOP headquarters (3505

Lorna Road, Birmingham, AL 35216).

All qualifying forms and fees must be received no later than 5 p.m. CST on Friday, Jan. 28, 2022. Failure to do so will result in the denying of ballot access.

Additional information about the qualifying process can be found on the ALGOP website (www.algop.org), or by calling ALGOP headquarters at 205.212.5900.

YEAR (Continued from Page THREE)

Pope, arrested on charge of engaging in a sex act with a student under the age of 19 – she was employed by the school system as the high school secretary at the time of her arrest; Elba City Council approves ordinance for deeding parcel of land to Armory Commission of Alabama; Elba Board of Education accepted resignation of high school secretary Martha Pope during an Oct. 14th meeting; John Ira Folmer of Elba killed in a two-vehicle accident on County Rd. 376 in Coffee County; Miranda Russell affirmed to seat on Elba school board; Trenton J. Sanders of Elba killed in single vehicle accident Oct. 24th on Alabama Hwy. 87 approximately 14 miles north of Elba; Carlos Magwood appointed to Elba Water and Electric Board

November – During New Brockton Council meeting, motion for \$2 across the board pay raise for employees fails due to tie vote; Elba hosts annual Pumpkins on the Square event; Coffee County BOE approves preliminary redistricting map; Raeann McCollough attends financial conference as a rising star for Avadian Financial Services; Elba native, Courtney Pelham, uses her volunteer time off work to help at the Giving Garden in Elba; Elba Chamber launches first Elba Youth Leadership Program with 10 seniors in the inaugural group; Elba's Colin Sauls and Peyton McCart sign scholarships with ESCC to play golf; Elba Chamber hosts ribbon cutting for Los Tigers Mexican Grill and Buffet; Elba Police find missing vehicle in vacant building; Vehicle crashed into Evergreen Cemetery fence; Coffee County Commission adopts redistricting plan



Troy Staley named Elba's new police chief in early December

December – Elba City Council approves appointment of Troy Staley to be new police chief for Elba; Pro Football Focus names Elba native Alex Wright C-USA Defensive Player of the Year; Elba City Council approves employee 'Christmas gift' pay; ALDOT resurfacing projects begin in Elba; Coffee County Sheriff's Office announces arrest of Jason Starr in the November 2017 murder case of his former wife Sara Starr – he was charged by federal courts with use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder for hire; Jason Ballard of Elba earns a World Championship in powerlifting; Elba history teacher Al Gilmore named local DAR chapter's 2021 Outstanding American History Teacher; Elba High's Callie Pope named Coffee County winner for DAR Good Citizen award; Elba Chamber hosts annual Christmas Parade; Kinston's Blair Wyrosdick named semi-finalist for 2021 Coca-Cola Scholars Program; New gymnasium officially opened for Zion Chapel School; Zion Chapel bass anglers win tourney; Elba City Council discusses 'old dime store' building as potential location for Elba Chamber office



The Elba Chamber of Commerce brought Pumpkins on the Square back in late October after taking 2020 off due to COVID-19 safety precautions, and citizens were excited to be back on the square for the fun event.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

We had a surprise for our young grandson Lawson last week as one of the Christmas presents we ordered weeks ago finally showed up on the porch and he got to open one last present from 2021. It was just a Lego set that he quickly put together, but it did bring a smile to his face and that was my present.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers put an end* to their six-game losing streak last week with two wins in their holiday tournament and gave all Tigers fans hope for a big second half of the season. The Tigers could have easily just showed up for the three-game round-robin event, but instead came ready to play and posted impressive wins over 3A Goshen and 3A New Brockton, before falling by one-point in its final game to 1A power Florala. Elba's guards are beginning to find the range from behind the arc and with Chrystyle Caldwell back from his post-season all-star football games the Tigers are running at full speed. The meat of the schedule and the region contests are still yet to come, but despite their 4-7 record I've just got a hunch the Tigers are ready to roar.

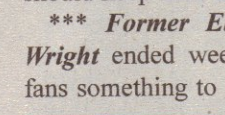
*** *It has been a season of streaks* for the Elba Lady Tigers and it continued last week at their tournament as they lost three games to watch their record slip to 5-6. The Lady Tigers opened the season with two straight wins, then lost three straight games, won the next three games and then lost three games at the tourney. Elba has two of the area's top scorers in senior Nina Williams and freshman A'Lyric Whitfield, but have yet to have anyone else step up on a nightly basis, and even an aggressive defense hasn't been enough to lead to a consistent effort on the court. If the Lady Tigers keep playing their style of defense they will always be in games, but they have to find a couple of more girls to help out on the offensive end.

*** *Three of the teams in the area stayed busy* over the holidays with the Brantley Bulldogs and Kinston Bulldogs having the most fun. Brantley coasted to three lopsided wins by scores of 71-52, 72-25 and 70-23 to let everyone know it is a team to keep an eye on in the 1A ranks, while Kinston posted two wins in three games in a tournament in Florida and will enter the 2022 portion of the schedule having won three of its last four games. New Brockton lost all three games at the Elba tournament, but got in valuable on the court experience and the extra games will no doubt pay dividends down the road.

*** *The Elba Tigers released* their 2021 football schedule over the holidays and the schedule does have somewhat of a unique look with the first two games and last two games on the road, while five of the remaining six

games in the middle of the schedule will be held at Tiger Stadium. The Tigers will kick off the season with road trips to cross-county rivals New Brockton and Kinston, while they will be at home for the next five weeks that include four home games and an open date. The home games include Houston County, Brantley, Providence Christian and Red Level. A road trip to Georgiana and homecoming against Florala come in the next two weeks, with the last two games on the road to Pleasant Home and McKenzie. The return to the 1A ranks brought with it lots of changes, but changes that should keep Elba fans excited about the upcoming season.

*** *Former Elba Tiger multi-sport standout Alex Wright* ended weeks of speculation and gave all Tiger fans something to brag about when he announced he was foregoing his senior season at UAB and would enter the upcoming NFL draft. Rumors had been circulating since the end of the season that the 6-7, 269-pound, defensive end would either enter the transfer portal or turn pro, and while the portal was definitely a worthwhile option, Wright chose the quickest path to the pros. Wright appeared



in 34 games at UAB during his career as a Blazer and was credited with 91 tackles, 19 tackles for losses, 11.5 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, and, 2 fumble recoveries, and was recently named the Conference USA 'defensive player of the year.' The next step won't be easy for Wright, but he seems to be focused and has his goals within sight.

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Record slips to 5-6

Lady Tigers drop three straight at tourney

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the second annual 'Pea River Classic' girls' basketball tournament last week at the Elba High gym and never got into the holiday mood as they suffered three straight losses to see their record slip to 5-6.

Following is a recap of the three tournament games:

H.Home 50 Elba 41

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their three-game winning streak come to an abrupt end with a surprising 50-41 loss to the Highland Home Lady Squadron, last Monday afternoon in opening round action.

Elba grabbed an early 3-2 lead in the opening quarter on a three-pointer by Nina Williams, but Highland Home responded with an 8-0 run to go up 10-3 midway through the stanza and never lost command as the Lady Squadron carried a 16-10 into the second stanza.

A'Lyric Whitfield and Kendra Juarez sparked an Elba rally early in the second quarter as the Lady Tigers pulled within 18-15. However, the Lady Tigers went cold from the floor and added only two points the remainder of the half as they trailed 22-17 at intermission.

Highland Home upped its lead to 27-19 early in the third quarter and appeared to be ready to take command, but Elba's Nina Williams hit two three-pointers in a span of less than a minute to pull the Lady Tigers within 29-25 and forced a Highland Home time out. The time out worked for the Lady Squadron as Highland Home closed the quarter with a 9-2 run to open up a big 38-27 advantage.

Highland Home's lead grew to 44-31 midway through the fourth quarter, and while the Lady Tigers did stage a mild rally and pulled within 46-37 with 2:19 remaining on the clock, Elba missed ten straight free throw opportunities in the stanza and never threatened to pull out the win as Highland Home held on for the 50-41 win.

Nina Williams scored 18 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 13 to lead

Elba, while Jamerin Green led Highland Home with 16 points.

H.H. (50): Toles 8, J. Foster 8, June 4, Green 16, E. Foster 4, Reese 10.

Elba (41): Williams 18, Purvis 4, Whitfield 14, Purvis 5.

Greenville 72 Elba 45

The Elba Lady Tigers watched an early lead vanish in the second quarter and never recovered in a 72-45 second round tournament loss to Greenville, last Tuesday afternoon.

Elba came out fast in the game and behind the scoring of A'Lyric Whitfield and Nina Williams raced out to a 17-13 lead. The Lady Tigers managed only two field goals in the second quarter; however, while Greenville poured in 25 points to erase the early Elba lead and take a 38-23 halftime advantage.

Whitfield and Williams both nailed three-pointers in the third quarter in an attempt to spark an Elba rally, but Greenville never lost command and upped its lead to 54-31 heading into the final stanza. Whitfield scored 11 points in the fourth quarter as the Lady Tiger battled until the final buzzer, but Greenville never slowed down and claimed the 72-45 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 24 points and Nina Williams added 12 to lead Elba, while Sunita Oliver scored 36 points for Greenville.

G'ville (72): Jones 8, Oecar 12, Anderson 9, Edwards 5, Swinney 2, Oliver 36.

Elba (45): Tinsley 2, N. Williams 12, Purvis 4, Whitfield 24, B. Williams 1, Juarez 2.

Andalusia 53 Elba 42

The Elba Lady Tigers fell behind in the second quarter and never caught up in the second half in a 53-42 loss to the Andalusia Lady Bulldogs, in day three action on Thursday afternoon.

Elba came out ready to play in their tournament finale and grabbed a 10-8 lead late in the first quarter on a short jumper by Tajah Purvis, only to see Andalusia go on an 18-0 run to open up a 26-10



Elba Lady Tiger Alayvia Stinson toes the three-point line as she looks for an open teammate in recent basketball action.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

advantage late in the half. A'Lyric Whitfield hit two free throws with 2:14 remaining in the stanza to break the long scoring drought, while Nina Williams added two baskets in the final minute to help the Lady Tigers pull within 27-16 at the half.

Elba got within 27-18 early in the third quarter on a basket by Kendra Juarez. However, the Lady Bulldogs went on a 6-2 run to stretch their lead to 33-20. A late three-pointer by Elba's Nina Williams pulled the Lady Tigers within 33-25 heading into the fourth quarter, but Andalusia again answered the Elba rally and scored the first 12 points of the quarter to take a commanding 45-25 advantage. Elba's Nina Williams drained three long three-pointers in the game's closing four minutes; however, Andalusia never lost com-

mand and at the final horn had the 53-42 win.

Nina Williams scored 25 points and A'Lyric Whitfield added 12 to lead Elba, while Zanyia Anderson scored 15 points to lead Andalusia and Cape Merrill added 14.

Andy (53): Anderson 15, Doss 2, Gay 11, McMeans 1, Merrill 14, Nelson 3, Newson 6.

Elba (42): Williams 25, Purvis 4, Whitfield 12, Stinson 1, Juarez 3.

Elba High basketball tickets for home games must be purchased at gofan.com

ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

Brantley 71 Pike County 52 – The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 71-52 win over the Pike County Bulldogs. Jayden Parks scored 27 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Khaliq Smith added 16 points, Dylan Davis scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, and Morell Edwards added 12 points. Zeaquan Boyd scored 32 points to lead Pike County.

Highland Home 66 New Brockton 39 – The New Brockton Gamecocks were outscored 66-39 by the Highland Home Flying Squadron. The Gamecocks battled the high-powered Squadron on even terms in the first half and trailed only 27-21 at intermission, but Highland Home used its size advantage inside to take charge in the second half and handed New Brockton the loss. Anthony Silar scored 15 points and Yassiah Rousseau added 9 to lead the Gamecocks, while Latregan Cooper led Highland Home with 14 points.

Brantley 72 Goshen 25 – The Brantley Bulldogs claimed their second tournament win with an easy 72-25 victory over the Goshen Eagles. Kedrick Brown scored 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Morell Edwards, Robert Shine and Jayden Parks all added 10 points.

Kinston 46 Sneads 30 – The Kinston Bulldogs headed across the state line to compete in a holiday tournament and posted a solid 46-30 win over Sneads. Connor Tew scored 16 points and Tripp Hawthorne added 12 to lead the Bulldogs.

Malone 53 Kinston 37 – The Kinston Bulldogs found the going a little tougher in the second round of the Florida tournament as they fell to Malone 53-37. Owen Patterson scored 12 points to lead the Bulldogs and Connor Tew added 8.

Kinston 38 Cottondale 36 – The Kinston Bulldogs got clutch free throw shooting from Tripp Hawthorne and Blake Senn in the closing seconds to defeat Cottondale 38-36, to close out their trip to Florida with a 2-1 record. Reece Hall scored 11 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Tripp Hawthorne added 9 and Connor Tew scored 8.

Brantley 70 New Brockton 23 – The Brantley Bulldogs claimed their third win at the Elba tourney with a lopsided 70-23 victory over the New Brockton Gamecocks. Kedrick Brown scored 16 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Morell Edwards added 12 points and Jayden Parks scored 11.

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SPORTS NEWS

Tigers win two in tourney

The Elba Tigers hosted the second annual ‘Pea River Classic’ boys’ basketball tournament last week at the Elba High gym and celebrated the holiday festivities by claiming two big wins in three tourney games.

Following is a recap of the tournament action:

Elba 67 Goshen 19

The Elba Tigers opened tournament action with a big 67-19 win over the Goshen Eagles, last Monday night in Elba.

Elba took a 2-0 lead before the clock was even turned on when Zaydrian Daniels hit a pair of free throws after a technical foul, and the Tigers never slowed down once the clock did start as Byron Burks and Alvin Henderson both drained long three-pointers to help the Tigers race out to a 13-0 lead. Goshen finally found its way to the basket midway through the quarter, but it made little difference as Elba carried a 23-4 lead into the second stanza.

Jordan Marek scored twice early in the second quarter on baseline jumpers as Elba’s lead grew to 27-4, and the Tigers kept pouring it on as Chrystyle Caldwell and Alvin Henderson scored from in close to push the lead to 31-4. Elba took its biggest lead of the half at 38-7 with 1:46 left on two free throws by Chayse Peterson, and went in at intermission with a big 41-12 advantage.

Chrystyle Caldwell got inside the Goshen defense for 8 points in the third quarter as the Tigers lead ballooned to 60-19, and the Elba defense tossed a shutout and Jordan Marek scored 5 points in the final stanza as the Tigers finished off the 67-19 win.

Alvin Henderson scored 19 points to lead Elba, while Byron Burks added 14, Jordan Marek added 13 and Chrystyle Caldwell scored 11. Jayden Williams led Goshen with 16 points.

Elba (67): Coleman 4, Burks 14, Marek 13, Peterson 2, Caldwell 11, Henderson 19, Daniels 4.

Goshen (19): Williams 16, Andrews 1, Gilford 2.

Elba 54 New Brockton 48

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to post an exciting 54-48 second round win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, last Tuesday night.

Chrystyle Caldwell and Alvin Henderson combined for 10 first quarter points to help the Tigers grab an early 10-5 lead, while Byron Burks drained a pair of long three-pointers and scored 8 points in the second quarter as Elba carried a 30-21 lead in at the half.

Jordan Marek muscled inside for 4 points and Burks added his third three-pointer of the game in the third quarter as the Tigers increased their lead to 45-31 heading into the final stanza, and while the Tigers hit only one of four free throw tries in the final stanza, Chrystyle Caldwell tossed in six points as Elba turned back a late Gamecock rally to post the 54-48 win.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 22 points and Byron Burks added 15 to lead Elba, while Yassiah Rosseau scored 17 points and Matt Smith added 14 for the Gamecocks.

Elba (54): Marek 4, Coleman 2, Burks 15, Caldwell 22, Henderson 4, Siler 2, Daniels 5.

N.B. (48): Lawson 2, Foster 5, Smith 14, McNabb 2, Silar 8, Rosseau 17.

Floral 62 Elba 61

The Elba Tigers saw a furious fourth quarter rally fall one-point short in a wild 62-61 loss to the Floral Wildcats.

Floral came out on fire from behind the arc and drained three quick three-pointers to jump out to a 9-3 lead. Elba’s Chrystyle Caldwell began to score from inside and Byron Burks added a late three-pointer to cut the Wildcats lead to 9-8, but Floral refused to relinquish the lead and owned a 16-14 advantage heading into the second stanza. Burks and Caldwell both hit three-pointers in the second quarter to keep the Tigers close, but the Wildcats regained command late and carried a 34-22 lead in at intermission.

Chrystyle Caldwell poured in 11 points in the third quarter to help the Tigers pull within 46-39, and while Caldwell added 10 fourth quarter points and connected on 4 of 4 free throw tries, the senior fouled out late and Floral held on to claim the wild 62-61 tournament win.

Chrystyle Caldwell scored 32 points and Byron Burks added 11 to pace the Tigers, while Rayshon Coleman scored 19 points and Elijah McMeans added 17 for the Wildcats.

Floral (62): Bradberry 13, Seago 3, McMeans 17, Johnson 2, Coleman 19, Gresham 8.

Elba (61): Marek 2, Coleman 5, Burks 11, Peterson 1, Caldwell 32, Henderson 6, Daniels 5.

PEA RIVER CLASSIC

Basketball Tournament

Women’s Tournament

Opening Round:

Highland Home 50
Elba 41

Results:

Men’s Round-Robin

First Round:

Brantley 71 Pike
County 52
Highland Home 66
New Brockton 39
Elba 67 Goshen 19

Second Round:

Brantley 72 Goshen 25
Elba 54 New Brockton 48

Third Round:

Floral 62 Elba 61
Highland Home 51
Goshen 19
Brantley 70 New Brockton 23

Winner’s Bracket: (Semifinals)

Crestview 45
Highland Home 25
Enterprise 53 Floral 46

(Finals)

Enterprise 61
Crestview 46

Loser’s Bracket:

Greenville 72 Elba 45
Andalusia 53 Elba 42
Floral 57 H.Home 38



Elba Tiger Chrystyle Caldwell (5) drives to the basket. Caldwell scored 32 points in last week’s 62-61 tourney loss to Floral.

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High School BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

Thursday, Jan. 6

Opp at New Brockton
Pleasant Home at Kinston
Brantley at Straughn

Friday, Jan. 7

Elba at Zion Chapel
Pike County at New Brockton

Saturday, Jan. 8

Opp at Elba
Luverne at Brantley

Monday, Jan. 10

McKenzie at Brantley

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Elba at G.W. Long
New Brockton at Pike County

Thursday, Jan. 13

Ariton at Elba
New Brockton at Opp
Zion Chapel at G.W. Long

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Elba Tiger JT Coleman (1) looks to drive in recent basketball action. The Tigers snapped a six-game losing streak last week with two wins in the Pea River Classic.

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and delinquent

February 1, 2022

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